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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the Office Action of July 27, 2006. Claims 8-11, 19 and 22-37 are currently pending in this application. Since this response is being transmitted to the Office on August 8, 2006, this response is timely filed.

The Office requires restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 8-9 and 36-37, drawn to compositions related to naltrexone and bupropion, classified in class 514, subclass 282 and 657.

Group II: Claims 10-11, 19 and 22-35, drawn to a methods of using compositions related to naltrexone and bupropion for weight loss, classified in class 514, subclass 282 and 657.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 8-9 and 36-37, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits, and understand that Group II, Claims 10-11, 19 and 22-35, will be withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of Group II upon allowance of Group I.

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Upon election of Group I, the Office requires election of one of the following species of Group I:

- (A) naltrexone as the 1st compound and bupropion as the 2nd compound
- (B) a prodrug of naltrexone as the 1st compound and bupropion as the 2nd compound
- (C) naltrexone as the 1st compound and a prodrug of bupropion as the 2nd compound
- (D) a prodrug of naltrexone as the 1st compound and a prodrug of bupropion as the 2nd compound.

In response, Applicants hereby elect species (A), naltrexone as the 1st compound and bupropion as the 2nd compound, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits, with the understanding that Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. Claims 8-9 and 36-37 read on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional and/or continuation applications containing claims directed to all or part of the subject matter described in the instant application, including the subject matter of any claims amended, withdrawn, or canceled at any time during the prosecution of this application, and thus unclaimed subject matter is not dedicated to the public.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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